

**REMARKS**

The present application contains claims 1, 4-10, 25-30, 32, 34, 36-38 and 72-82, of which claim 1 is currently amended. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 25-30, 32, 34 and 36-38 are allowed.

**Drawings**

The Examiner objected to the drawings since the drawings fail to show the desiccant being pumped through the heat exchanger, as claimed in claims 9 and 81. In response to the objection, applicants are adding new Fig. 4 (on drawing sheet 5) where pumping of the desiccant through heat exchanger 20 is shown. Applicants are filing herewith five replacement drawing sheets where drawing sheet 5 is new and the rest of the drawing sheets have been renumbered.

The Examiner also indicated that the feature of direct heat transfer of claim 1 is not shown in the drawings. This feature was removed from claim 1 as is detailed below. Accordingly, the objection is now moot.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112**

Claims 1, 4-10 and 72-82 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 since, according to the Examiner, the feature of "direct cooling" appearing in claim is not supported by the specification as filed. Claims 4-10 and 72-82 stand rejected due to their dependency on rejected claim 1.

Claim 1 depends on claim 25 which was found allowable by the Examiner. Thus, claim 1 is patentable at least by virtue of its patentable parent claim. Accordingly, applicants have broadened claim 1 by removing the term "direct" from line 7 of the claim. The rejection is believed to be moot in view of the broadening amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above arguments it is submitted that all the claims and drawings are allowable. A notice thereof is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Enclosures:**

- Formal Drawing Transmittal Sheet
- Complete Set of Replacement Drawing Sheets

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